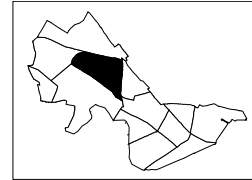


# NEIGHBORHOOD 9

## PEABODY



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

**POPULATION:** 11,794 residents  
5,208 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	75	34	41	55	58
Street Robbery	8	8	12	8	9
Auto Theft	27	30	40	36	26
Larceny from MVs	56	52	62	50	44
Malicious Destruction	71	57	96	108	79
Drug Arrests	9	10	9	3	6

### 2003 YEAR END REVIEW

**Malicious destruction of property** decreased this year in Peabody, dropping it to a middle ranking among Cambridge neighborhoods. There were small sprees of smashed car windows on Cadbury Road on Halloween and of tire slashings along Kelley St. in the southern part of the neighborhood in mid-January. Graffiti incidents were especially common on Richdale Ave. by Porter Square. • Most of the **drug arrests** were for marijuana and occurred in or near Danehy Park. • Peabody saw no significant **auto theft** patterns. Honda Accords were the most stolen vehicle, and most of the cars stolen were recovered. • Three of the nine **street robberies** occurred in a one-month time period during the winter and were executed by a single suspect who used a small knife to threaten his victims. • **Housebreaks** remained consistent with the 2002 level, but still ranked among the highest of neighborhoods in the City. A spree of breaks on Linnaean St. in April inflated the total. The majority of housebreaks were in the central and southern parts of Peabody. The most common means of entry was simple shoving or forcing the front door open. Nine of the targeted residences were reported unlocked. • Sprees of **larcenies from motor vehicles** popped up on Buena Vista Park in April and on a Sunday in June along a stretch of a few blocks east of Danehy Park; the latter day resulted in three incidents of broken windows reported. In both sprees, electronic equipment (such as car stereos) was targeted.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*
Housebreaks	150	3	52	5	3
Street Robbery	21	6	13	8	7
Auto Theft	94	8	42	8	9
Larceny from MVs	74	8	64	6	7
Malicious Destruction	135	2	78	7	6

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use to robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area, specifically around the homeless shelter at 21 Walden Square Rd. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.

